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Drug Analysis Laboratory Monthly Status Report

July, 2009

Amherst and Jamaica Plain (combined)

Cases* submitted to the laboratories this month.....	1307
Number of items* contained in these cases.....	2237
Cases analyzed by the laboratories this month.....	1368
Number of items analyzed this month.....	2100
Number of vegetable matter items returned untested.....	717
Laboratories' backlog (Items).....	11705
Average time per analysis (turnaround time).....	161 days
Number of preliminary/priority analyses performed.....	269

Analysis Backlog

Unanalyzed items in the laboratory on the last day of the month

1-15 days old	833	7%
16-30 days old	1222	10%
31-50 days old	989	8%
Greater than 50 days	8661	74%
TOTAL	11705	100%

* A CASE refers to all the evidence gathered from an incident or arrest that is related to one or more defendants. Each case may contain one or more ITEMS of different appearance and/or composition, e.g. marijuana, cocaine, heroin.

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Analysis Profile

Time in the laboratory for items analyzed this month

1-15 days	43	2%
16-30 days	380	18%
31-50 days	66	3%
Greater than 50 days	1611	77%
TOTAL	2100	100%

Totals for Drugs of Interest

Drug Type	Number of Items
Marijuana	470
Cocaine	542
Heroin	252
Others	836
TOTAL	2100

Trafficking Items Analyzed

Drug Type	Number of Items
Heroin	14
Cocaine	47
Oxycodone	7
TOTAL	68

Calendar Year (2009) Totals through the End of the Month

Items Submitted	15936
Items Analyzed	17333 (does not include 887 untested vegetable matter items)